

Social & Personal

The President yesterday received Mr. Reuben Alkalai, editor of the Government Yearbook. Mr. Alkalai presented the President with the first copy of the Yearbook.

The Prime Minister yesterday received Mr. Samuel Newhouse, the American newspaper publisher, who is leaving today with Mrs. Newhouse after a four-day visit. On Saturday night, Mr. Newhouse visited the offices of The Jerusalem Post, and he and Mrs. Newhouse were later guests of the Mayor and Mrs. Agon at their home.

Dr. Joseph Burg, Minister of Posts, and Mrs. Burg received Rabbi Isaac Sholman, President of the Religious Zionists of America, Mrs. Sholman, and Mrs. Rowak, Chairman of ORT and the Mirshai Women's Organization of France, for kiddush on Saturday.

M. Marcel Laforgue, Consul General of France in Jerusalem, on Saturday opened at the Bezalel Museum an exhibition of paintings and drawings by five of the most important modern French Jewish artists. The more than 60 works by Chagall, Klee, Modigliani, Picasso and Soutine from various private and public collections in Israel will be on exhibit until Oct. 5.

Congressman and Mrs. Herbert Zelenko of New York have visited the Batei Hatanot of the Women's League for Israel. Mrs. Zelenko is an active member of the Midtown Chapter of that organization. Yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. Zelenko visited the Hebrew University and were received by Mr. Edward Geiber, Chairman of the University's Executive Council.

Other visitors to the campus included Mr. Leslie Thomas, British Conservative M.P., and Mrs. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Amihud Goor gave a cocktail party at their home in Talieh on Friday for Mr. Lawrence Nathan who is chairman of the Auckland Harbour Board and President of the Hebrew Congregation of Auckland, New Zealand, and Mrs. Nathan. Among the guests were Justices of the Supreme Court, the Director General of the Foreign Ministry, the Netherlands Minister, and the Consuls of France, Britain, Italy, and U.S.

The Hebrew University and the Pharmaceutical Association of Israel held a reception last Wednesday for Dr. and Mrs. Y. Kolberg on their return from a mission in the U.S. on behalf of the School of Pharmacy and the University. The gathering was addressed by Dr. P. Farkas, Executive Secretary of the School of Pharmacy, and Mr. Schneerson, of the Friends of the University.

Mr. Ted Lurie, editor of The Jerusalem Post, will deliver a lecture on the paper's forthcoming Silver Jubilee at the Kishon Rotary Club, 38 Sderot Hashofim, Kiryat Motzkin, at 1 p.m. today.

Polio Rate Among Uninoculated Children 20 Times Greater

By MALKA RABINOWITZ, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The incidence of polio among children inoculated with Salk vaccine was one-twentieth of that among children of the same age group who were not vaccinated, it was learned yesterday from the Ministry of Health.

These are the first overall results of the Salk vaccine programme to be obtained from the Ministry, which has up to now been extremely cautious in evaluating the effect of the Government campaign that inoculated 137,000 children between January and June of this year.

Exact statistics are now available on the results of the vaccination of six-month to three-year-old children — the most susceptible age group in Israel to polio.

They show that four of the 114,000 children in this age group who were inoculated contracted polio while of the some 5,000 children who were not inoculated, six contracted the disease.

This means that only 0.35 of every 10,000 children inoculated contracted the disease, while seven of every 10,000 not inoculated did so.

Smaller Dose Needed

Another important result of the campaign has been to show that a smaller dose than that given in other countries, such as the U.S., produces the same amount of antibodies.

Blood samples were taken from 2,000 children before and after the inoculation. Examination showed that the 0.5 c.c. of the serum given in Israel injections produced the same amount of antibodies as the 1 c.c. given in the U.S.

Meanwhile, preparations are under way for the resumption of the programme in December, when the third "booster" shots will be given. In January, inoculation will begin of four-month old babies. (Heretofore the minimum age had been six months.)

The Salk vaccinations will then continue steadily through the year, including the summer months, for all babies reaching the age of four months. The injections will be part of the general programme of immunization and will be given at mother and child health stations.

Ministry of Health sources pointed out yesterday that the total polio incidence this year until the end of August was 37. Since the first polio epidemic in 1956, there had never been a year when fewer than 300 children contracted the disease.

Two "possible" cases have so far been reported in September: the total September incidence of 1956 was 45 with four fatalities.

It cost a quarter of a million pounds to produce the vaccine necessary for the campaign this year. Previously, an additional quarter of a million pounds had been invested in providing the necessary laboratories for the manufacture of the vaccine.

The campaign itself (doctors, nurses, transport, equipment) cost only IL75,000. Israel now produces all

MAYOR DISTRIBUTES 3 JERUSALEM AWARDS

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Prizes for Pedagogy, Science and Art were distributed yesterday by Mayor Gershon Agon at a ceremony in the Municipal Hall. Each prize is of IL400.

The David Yellin Prize for Pedagogy was awarded to Mr. H. M. Merhav, of the Hebrew Gymnasium Secondary School, Rehavia, for his book "Education in Israel".

Professor A. M. Dushkin, of the Hebrew University, who chaired the three-man selection committee, noted that Mr. Merhav had written a basic work on the administration and organization of schools, a field in which there was a dearth of authoritative literature.

Dr. Yigal Talim, of the Weizmann Institute, was awarded the Albert Einstein Prize for Science for his work during the past two years on the structure of the atom.

Professor Avraham Halevi Frankel, of the Hebrew University, a former teacher of Dr. Talim, pointed out that Dr. Talim's researches on his chosen subject had contributed materially to an understanding of the atom.

The third prize was awarded to Mr. Miron Sima, the Jerusalem artist, for his painting "Jerusalem," chosen unanimously despite many other outstanding entries.

Left \$2.3m. by Father She Had Never Seen

CLOVER CITY, California, Sunday (Reuter). — A sixteen-year-old girl has been left a \$2.3m. fortune by a man she never met but who was believed to be her father.

The man, Eugene Emmick, made his fortune in theatres and real estate. He had been married and divorced but was believed childless when he died last year. In his will, he named Marilyn Wilson as his daughter. She had never heard of Emmick until the will was filed.

LOLOBRIGIDA BACK TO PICTURE MAKING

ROME, Sunday (UP). — Gina Lollobrigida, who recently gave birth to a boy, ended six months of domestic seclusion and gave a press party today to announce her return to movie-making. Clouds of coloured balloons floated over the lawn of her home and a small plane flew overhead dropping leaflets announcing her return to film life.

Jailed Four Years For Corrupting Girl

HAIFA, Sunday. — Mahmoud Bakl, a 20-year-old fisherman of Acre, was sentenced to four years imprisonment by Haifa District Court Judge M. Etzion, today for maintaining relations with a 16-year-old girl driving her into prostitution and living off her earnings.

Bakl has a record of 13 previous convictions, according to police witnesses.

TA Hapoel vs. Arsenal Over B.B.C. Tonight

A special live transmission will be broadcast tonight from the Highbury Ground, London, of the second half of the Arsenal vs. Tel Aviv Hapoel football match. The broadcast will start at 21.15 local time over the General Overseas Service — 23.00 and 21.58 metres.

Dan Fahter, formerly in charge of the sports column of "Davar" and "Davar Haahava," will do the running commentary in Hebrew. Raymond Glendinning will do several brief summing-up pieces in English during the course of the transmission.

Baseball Standings

NEW YORK, Sunday (UP). — Major League baseball standings on Sunday were:

American League

| Team | W. | L. | Pct. | GB. |
|-------------|----|----|------|-----|
| New York | 53 | 37 | .590 | — |
| Chicago | 50 | 38 | .569 | 3 |
| Boston | 47 | 41 | .533 | 6 |
| Detroit | 40 | 48 | .452 | 13 |
| Baltimore | 37 | 51 | .420 | 16 |
| Cleveland | 34 | 54 | .388 | 19 |
| Washington | 24 | 64 | .273 | 29 |
| Kansas City | 20 | 67 | .232 | 33 |

National League

| Team | W. | L. | Pct. | GB. |
|--------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Milwaukee | 50 | 37 | .570 | — |
| St. Louis | 41 | 46 | .471 | 9 |
| Brooklyn | 41 | 46 | .471 | 9 |
| Cincinnati | 38 | 49 | .437 | 12 |
| Philadelphia | 37 | 49 | .430 | 13 |
| New York | 36 | 50 | .419 | 14 |
| Chicago | 35 | 51 | .405 | 15 |
| Pittsburgh | 28 | 58 | .326 | 22 |

FLU. — Twelve thousand cases of influenza believed to be of the Asian type, were reported yesterday by local officials in Split, the Yugoslav coastal resort.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

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HAIFA: Dr. Bilski, 7 Eshel, 2159.

HAIFA ORCHESTRA WIDENS PROGRAMME

HAIFA, Sunday. — The Haifa Symphony Orchestra starts its eighth year with a concert at the Ora cinema on October 3. This year, its programme is more ambitious than in the past, and it aspires to fill the musical gap in the North left by the IPO which concentrates on subscription concerts (with almost unobtainable tickets) in the main towns only.

The Orchestra now has 40 players, including some promising youngsters and immigrant musicians. During the coming season it plans six subscription concerts and five concerts each for schoolchildren and youths in Haifa.

In addition, it will take symphony music to 11 townlets and villages in the Northern area. Its more than 40 concerts will be recorded and broadcast over Kol Yisrael.

Tickets will be popularly priced (from IL3 to IL5); conductors and soloists will be mainly local musicians, and programmes will always

include Israel works, some of them to be given their first performance. The Orchestra will on occasion be joined by the local Chamber Choir.

During next summer, the Orchestra will play in Gan Ha'em.

COLOUR FILM ON SALE SOON FOR TOURISTS

High quality colour film will shortly be available for tourists at a price in foreign currency only 15 per cent higher than that charged abroad, the Government Tourist Corporation announced yesterday.

The new price has been made possible by the elimination of purchase tax and the reduction of customs duty from 70 to 50 per cent.

An order has been placed abroad for the film and on arrival it will be distributed to eight shops in various parts of the country selected in consultation with the Merchants Association.

Film Shows: — Israel films, daily 11.30. Keren Hayasod Hall.
Lectures: — Prof. Hayim Rabin, on "Research in Modern Hebrew," Beer Club, 9 Rehov Alhazani 8.30 p.m.

TELEVISION: — Hebrew University Conducted tour, 10 a.m. Administration Bldg., New University Campus. (Conducted tours in Hebrew daily, 11 a.m.) Parents are requested not to bring children under the age of 15.

TEL AVIV: — Italian specialties, Lunch, Dinner, Soupe a L'ouison, Luky's Bar, 3 Allenby Rd., Tel. 25733. Arrondissements.

Tourist Service: — Jazz Club and Folk Dancing Z.O.A. House, at 9 p.m.

Exhibitions: — 1) Lithographs by I. Aachheim: Valley by Peter Maron, Museum, 10-1, 4-7.
2) "Juliet and Romanov," New Hall, 8.

HAIFA: — Exhibitions: — Paintings by Audrey Bergner and paintings and graphics from the Museum's collection. Fortnightly exhibit: Game of Chess (wood) by Bruno Simon. Museum, Town Hall, 10-1, 4-7.

RISHON LEZION: — Theatre: — Habimah "The Dybbuk," 8.30 p.m.

EMEK HEFER: — Theatre: — "Shulamit," 8 p.m.

TIVON: — Theatre: — Habimah, "Anna Frank," 8 p.m.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME

522, 540, 55.5 & 61.3 M.
News: Hebrew: 6.30, 7.00 a.m. 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00, 11.30 p.m. English: 1.45 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 7.30 a.m., 1.15, 6.00 and 11.00 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service, 6.37 Exercises, 6.47 Musical Clock (Ch), 8.30 Close Down.

12.30 N. Oriental Elitot 12.30 "From the Concert Hall": Piano Concerto No. 1, 1. 15. E-fall-male (Linet), "Dolly" Suite op. 56 (Faure), "1.00 Lunchtime Music" — Soloist: J. Larosa & 8. Abi-chairs (Vocalists), 8.30 Close Down.

4.30 News Summaries in English, Swedish and Spanish, 5.05 Kinneret Songs, 5.15 Children's Corner, 5.30 Youth Corner, 7.15 "We Present Tonight," 7.15 "Ron Ami," 7.40 Talk by Prof. Ben Mark, Head of the Institute for Jewish History in Warsaw, 7.55 Vocal Recital by Haim Flischer, 8.30 Meetings with a Nun in France, 1.00 Goldberg, 8.55 Bible Reading: Ezekiel, Chap. 22, 9.15 News, 9.25 Today at the Macabiah, 9.40 Basketball relayed from R.G. Stadium, 10.35 "Israel Composers": works by Haim Alkharaz, 11.15 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
522, 540, 55.5, 61.7 & 55.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 4.00 The 5th Macabiah — Swimming Finals — relayed from Gaiot, 6.00 "Popular Concert" — Works by Jacques Offenbach, 7.00 Hebrew Lesson for advanced students, 7.15 News in Easy Hebrew, 7.30 Yiddish, 8.00 Russian, 8.15 Hungarian, 8.30 Ladino, 9.00 Interval, 9.15 News in Polish, 9.30 French, 10.00 News in English, 10.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): Programme to South Africa: 6.30 News & Macabiah Report, 6.55 Yiddish Programme, 7.08 Yiddish News.

Programme to U.K.: 11.30 News & Macabiah Report, 11.50 The "Tabl" Stamp Exhibition, Mid-night: Hebrew Lesson by Judah Shural.

ARMY PROGRAMME 40.4: 218 225 & 235 M.: 4.30 Opening, 6.35 Requests for Hebrew Songs, 7.00 News, 7.10 "On Drivers & Pedestrians," 7.25 Light Music, 8.00 "The Soldier-Citizen," 8.15 "This Evening's Star," Catherine Soudal, 8.25 Quiz, 9.00 News, 9.15 Neapolitan Songs, 9.30 Evening Concert: Works by Beethoven & Haydn, 10.30 Close Down.

B.R.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (11.50, 12.54 & 24.50 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News, News Talk, London Letter.

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Your attention is drawn to the fact that, as from Sunday, Sept. 15, 1957, all Assessment Office offices will be open to the public every afternoon from 4 to 6 p.m., except Fridays and holiday days.

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Cinemas

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at 1.55, 4.35, and 8.30 p.m.
ARNON: Night Passage.
EDEN: The Search.
ORION: The King and Four Queens.
ORION: Tension at Table Rock.
ORNA: Smiley.
RON: The Girl He Left Behind.
SEADAR: "Bonifera" Film-relay.
ZION HALL: "Miroslav Arsenault."
Languages: Hebrew, English, French and German.
EDISON: "Yahudi ki Lekel" Studio: Doctor at Sea.

TEL AVIV
ALLENBY: Run for the Sun.
ARNON DAVID: "Typhon and Nagasaki."
CHEN: "La Sciererie."
EDEN: La Danseuse de Mexico.
ESTHER: The Rack.
MAXIM: Men in War.
NIGDALOR: "Pase, Amora e..."
MOORAD: The Girl Can't Help It.

HAIFA
MONRIAN: The 3 Musketeers.
ATZMON: Gaby.
FEER: Battle Hymn.
GAI: OR: Clockwork.
ORION: The Ambassador's Daughter.
ARNON: "Un Condamné à Mort s'est Echappé."
EN DOR: The Last Wagon.
ORLY: The Barefoot Contessa.
ORAN: Child in the House.
AMPHITHEATRE: Sitting Bull.
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Today's Postbag

The Weather

| | A | B | C | D |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|
| Jerusalem | 20 | 22 | 24 | 26 |
| Tel Aviv | 20 | 22 | 24 | 26 |
| Haifa | 20 | 22 | 24 | 26 |
| Natania | 20 | 22 | 24 | 26 |
| Lydda Airport | 20 | 22 | 24 | 26 |
| Lydda Port | 20 | 22 | 24 | 26 |
| Jerusalem | 20 | 22 | 24 | 26 |
| Haifa | 20 | 22 | 24 | 26 |
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ARRIVALS

Rabbi S. J. Rosenberg, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare, after representing Israel at international conferences on family and welfare problems in Rome and London, arrived in Jerusalem yesterday (D) Maximum temperature today.

DEPARTURES

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AT THE MACCABIAH

Israel Edges into Swimming Lead

Wolk Shows Grit; Saltman Sparkles

Today's Events

MORNING

9:30 Swimming, Gaiel-Gil, Ramat Gan, Waterpool.

AFTERNOON

14:00 Tennis, Maccabi Courts, Tel Aviv (singles and doubles finals).

15:00 Swimming, Gaiel-Gil, Ramat Gan, Waterpool.

100 m. free-style, men's final.

100 m. backstroke, women's final.

Swimming competitions - Youth Day.

4:30 p.m. relay, men's final.

4:10 p.m. relay, women's final.

Diving - men, Waterpool.

15:15 Soccer, Hapoel Field, Jaffa.

15:30 Fencing, ZOIA House, Ramat Gan.

16:00 Handball, Rishon LeZion, Switzerland v. Austria.

EVENING

18:30 Basketball, Municipal Stadium, Ramat Gan.

Israel v. U.S. France v. Holland.

Canada v. Brazil.

20:30 Fencing, ZOIA House, Tel Aviv.

MDA is After Your Blood

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A distinguished visitor from China and a Knesset member were the first to donate blood today in a prelude to the campaign which is to be inaugurated on Saturday night.

A demonstration took place this morning in front of Cafe Rowell in Rehov Dizengoff following a press conference attended by representatives of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Magen David Adom, who are responsible for the drive.

Initiating the blood bank drive in this region, Dr. Wang Tiao-Yong, Vice President for the Asian region of the Junior Chamber International (JCI), expressed his appreciation of the Israel JCI to reveal information concerning the persons involved in their own blood.

The parents need the names to bring suit for damages.

Mr. Abraham Krusi, of Jerusalem, claimed that those responsible for the accident in which his son died in August 1956 had not taken proper precautions by failing to inform him of the danger.

Unit to which his son belonged had gone out on an operation. While crossing a road in broad daylight, the unit was mistaken for a band of infiltrators and attacked. In the subsequent shooting Krusi's 23-year-old son was struck by two bullets and killed.

Mr. D. Tibbon, declared that since the parents were by law barred from suing the State and since the IL650 state paid them in compensation by without the usual formalities that tend to discourage or postpone giving. The blood is tested and classified later on and the person receives a letter indicating his blood type and whether the blood can be used as plasma for the bank.

Miss Noa Dror, a 22-year-old youth counselor, and Mrs. Rahel Kotler, a 38-year-old mother of three children, who happened to be passing, gave blood spontaneously.

The campaign will get underway on Saturday night when some dozen ambulances will be both stationed in various centres of the city and recruit donors among passers-by without the usual formalities that tend to discourage or postpone giving. The blood is tested and classified later on and the person receives a letter indicating his blood type and whether the blood can be used as plasma for the bank.

Table Tennis

Geoffrey Inger (Britain) is to play Simon Blonder (Belgium) in the table tennis final. Blonder against Israel's Finkelstein, showed admirable nerve after being 2-1 games and 15-20 down in the fifth set against Finkelstein. Israel to win 10-21, 21-17, 13-21, 21-15, 22-20.

Men's singles

Jeff Inger (Britain) beat Vlod Djordjevic (Belgium) 21-17, 21-15, 21-11. Simon Blonder (Belgium) beat Finkelstein (Israel) 20-21, 21-17, 21-15, 21-13, 22-20.

Women's semi-finals

Elisabeth Bass (South Africa) beat Anna Katscher (Austria) 19-21, 21-19, 21-12. Wendy Bates (Britain) beat Selma Altshuler (South Africa) 22-20, 21-18.

Men's doubles

Inger and Jacobson (Britain) beat Yehoshua and Pfefferbaum (Israel) 17-21, 21-15, 21-13, 21-16. Finkelstein and Kotler (Israel) beat Vardi and Schoffel (Israel) 21-19, 21-15, 21-14.

Women's doubles

Bass and Altshuler (South Africa) beat Katscher (Austria) and Litzman (Britain) 21-18, 21-16. Bates and Mervet (India) beat Bates and Goldberg (Britain) 21-18, 21-17.

Mixed doubles

Peters and Schiff (Australia) beat Pfefferbaum (Israel) and Meyer (India) 21-15, 21-17, 21-16. Finkelstein (Israel) and Hill (India) beat Bates and Goldberg (Britain) 21-18, 21-17.

Soccer

Israel trounced France 10-0 in soccer at Jaffa after leading 7-0 at half-time.

Cricket

In a most exciting finish to the final match of the cricket festival in Haifa, England managed to play out to a draw, thus gaining first innings points over South Africa.

The score was South Africa 94 and 171 for a declared England 106 and 83 for 6. England has won the triangular championship with South Africa second. Both teams had beaten Israel.

Handball

Israel beat Switzerland 20-4, (8-0, 7-2, 5-2).

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Syria: Between Nationalism and Communism

Moscow Invited into Middle East by Cairo and Damascus

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THE discussion of the state

of affairs in Syria in some

sections of the Western press

these days betrays a touching

measure of naïveté. H. A. R.

Philly, the son of a famous

father, reported recently from

Beirut to his paper (the "Lon-

don Observer") that a Commu-

nist coup d'état in Damas-

cus was quite impossible, for

"Communist party membership

is only 0.5 per cent of the

total adult population." Which

means that the Bolsheviks in

Russia ought never to have

made a revolution in 1917, for

they counted only 115,000

members in January 1918

(after the revolution) or 0.1

per cent of the total adult

population. Moreover they had

to face several other major

difficulties, in contrast to Sy-

ria, where political parties in

the European sense are un-

known. What is worse, the

show that Mr. Philly (and

unfortunately, not only he)

has missed the main point

about the Syrian situation:

why should the local Commu-

nists engage in a coup?

What if they have reasonable

hope of attaining power with-

out any such dramatic action?

Why should they antagonize

their main collaborators, the

British, at a time when the

latter is only too willing to

take over some of the most

important planks of the Commu-

nist programme? But an

Arab nationalist is a "pure

pan-Arab nationalist" accord-

ing to "well-qualified ob-

servers." As if there were any

pure nationalism in today's

movement could exist without

producing (or plagiarizing) very

definite social and economic

ideas and a very definite for-

foreign political orientation.

Economic Change

But this is the fact offered

to readers of the "Observer,"

the "New Statesman" and

also, of late, the "Manchester

Guardian." These profound

observations are usually ac-

companied by equally well-

meaning advice: Syria, it is

argued, is an underdeveloped

country undergoing an eco-

nomic change which has not

made much progress and real-

ity needs financial and other

assistance. If this help were

only forthcoming, everything

would be fine — perhaps not

immediately but within a few

years.

The old liberal illusions

about the correlation between

economic development and po-

litical progress and stability

are false. But who are the

facts about Syria? During the

last seven or eight years she

has made considerable eco-

nomic progress, particularly in

the expansion of agriculture

but also in industry. The rate

of capital investment has been

higher than that of any other

non-Communist country in

Asia — 13-14 per cent of

the gross national product per

year, which incidentally is

about three times more than

the capital investment rate in

England (though such a com-

parison between a compara-

tively underdeveloped country

and a Western industrial na-

tion is, of course, misleading).

But this figure alone tends

to show that it is quite pos-

sible to argue that what

Syria wants most, and what

would give it political stabil-

ity, is more rapid economic

development. The reasons for

the permanent Syrian crisis

are political and social, and

they cannot be tackled on the

level of economic develop-

ment, however desirable such

development may be.

How Much Left

It is largely a question of

semantics: if one thinks of

Communism as it was in the

twenties, as a revolutionary

radically left-wing movement,

internationalist in outlook, mi-

litantly atheist, wholehearted-

ly in favour of the class

struggle, a party claiming to

represent and lead the indus-

trial working class, then it

follows beyond any shadow of

doubt that there is no Commu-

nism in Syria today. In the

Middle East even the rebel

"left-wing" is either

meaningless or its meaning is

different. Of the traditional

values of the left wing in

Europe — radical democra-

cism, humanism, pacifism, in-

ternationalism — little, if any-

thing, will be found.

If Syria is not Communist

by the standards of the nine-

teen-twenties, nor is China,

and some doubts arise even

with regard to the Soviet

Union. Communism is con-

tinually changing, and not only

on the tactical level: the idea

that only the industrial pro-

letariat could lead the revolu-

tion was abandoned by Asian

Communism long ago.

Anti-West

The distinctive features of

this new form of popular de-

mocracy are an anti-Western

and pro-Soviet orientation in

foreign policy, an aggressive

nationalism, and an attempt

to modernize and industrial-

ize the countries in question

by the methods of bureau-

cratic state capitalism. There

may be some social reform,

but all radical change is omi-

tted; the existing social struc-

ture in the Middle East and

Asia in general has in any

case been disintegrating, and

the industrial bourgeoisie is

so much weaker than in the

West that it is possible to for-

get about the class struggle

and to concentrate on modern-

ization and industrialization.

These polemics towards

a new theory of "popular de-

mocracy" in the Middle East

may be criticized on several

counts. It could be argued

that bureaucratic state capi-

talism can be found in the

West too; how, it may be ask-

ed, does the Syrian develop-

ment differ from Kemal At-

atürk's collaboration with

Moscow in the twenties? Not

a few observers have describ-

ed the Soviet regime as state

capitalism or state socialism;

once there is total control by

the state over the economy

the differences between the

two forms tend to diminish

and even to disappear.

Communist Pressure

There are, in addition, two

important differences be-

tween Ataturk's Turkey in the

twenties and Syria in the late